

**Article 4: Public Hazards and Public Nuisances**

**Division 6: Public Pay Telephones in the Public Right-of-Way**  
*(“Public Pay Telephones in the Public Right-of-Way”*  
*added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)*

**§54.0601 Purpose and Intent**

This division establishes a permitting process for installing and maintaining *public pay telephones* in the public right-of-way. The process is intended to be coordinated with the City’s other laws and policies in regard to the effects of *public pay telephones*.

*(“Purpose and Intent” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)*

**§54.0602 Definitions**

All defined terms appear in italics in this division. Defined terms are set forth in this section and Section 54.0502. For purposes of this Division:

*Public pay telephone* means only those public pay telephones that are located wholly or partially in the City’s public right-of-way.

*(“Definitions” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)*

**§54.0603 Permit Required to Install or Maintain Public Pay Telephone in the Public Right-of-Way**

- (a) The City Manager or his designee is authorized to issue permits from time to time for the installation of *public pay telephones* in the public right-of-way. The City Manager shall approve the number of *public pay telephones* so as to best serve the public interest.
- (b) A permit issued in accordance with the provisions of this Division is required for the installation and maintenance of *public pay telephones* in the public right-of-way.
- (c) A permit for a *public pay telephone* in a public right-of-way that is located in a “*High Crime Area*” or “*Redevelopment Project Area*” or “*Redevelopment*

*Study Area*” shall only be issued after approval for installation has also been given by the Chief of Police pursuant to section 54.0505.  
(“*Permit Required to Install or Maintain Public Pay Telephone in the Public Right-of-Way*” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0604 Location of Public Pay Telephone in Public Right of Way**

- (a) *Public pay telephones* will be located so as not to unreasonably interfere with the rights of the public to use the public sidewalks.
- (b) *Permittees* shall install the *public pay telephones* at the *Permittee’s* expense and to the satisfaction of the City Manager.  
(“*Location of Public Pay Telephone in Public Right of Way*” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0605 Permittee’s Duty to Maintain Public Pay Telephone and Surrounding Area**

- (a) *Permittees* shall maintain the *public pay telephones* in good working order.
- (b) *Permittees* shall maintain the *public pay telephones* and their enclosures, if any, in a clean and sanitary condition. This includes the removal of all graffiti and litter.  
(“*Permittee’s Duty to Maintain Public Pay Telephone and Surrounding Area*” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0606 Permittee’s Duty to Indemnify City**

All *Permittees* shall indemnify and save the City of San Diego harmless from any and all losses, claims, expenses, or judgments to any person or property arising from the installation, maintenance, or presence of the *public pay telephones*.  
(“*Permittee’s Duty to Indemnify City*” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0607 Requirements of Division to be Conditions of Permit**

Any permit issued by the City Manager shall contain all the conditions set forth in this Division or incorporate such conditions by reference to this section.  
(“*Requirements of Division to be Conditions of Permit*” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0608 Time for Compliance**

- (a) From and after October 27, 1999, any person wanting to own or control a *public pay telephone* located in the public right-of-way shall first comply with the provisions in this Division.
- (b) Persons owning or controlling *public pay telephones* located in the public right-of-ways as of October 27, 1999 shall be required to obtain a permit in accordance with this Division. Such persons shall have six months from October 27, 1999 to obtain such permit.
- (c) A person may apply to the City Manager for a ninety-day extension of time to obtain the permit. The City Manager may, at his discretion, grant or deny any request for extension. The City Manager's decision as to any such extension shall be put into writing and provided to the person seeking the extension.  
(*"Time for Compliance" added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.*)

**§54.0609 Grace Period for Public Pay Telephones Subject to Existing Contracts**

- (a) If a person has installed and is maintaining a *public pay telephone* that is in the public right-of-way and that is subject of a written contract between the person and another party, that person may maintain that *public pay telephone* in its present location for the remaining term of the contract, or for a period of five years from October 27, 1999, whichever period is shorter (the Grace Period), on condition that:
  - (1) the *public pay telephone* only incidentally encroaches into the public right-of-way,
  - (2) the *public pay telephone* does not interfere with the use of the public right-of-way, and
  - (3) no other reason exists to remove or relocate the *public pay telephone* out of the right-of-way.
- (b) The City Manager has the discretion to determine whether a *public pay telephone* "only incidentally" encroaches into the public right-of-way, on a case by case basis, but may consider whether the encroachment is minor, insubstantial or unintentional.

- (c) Upon the expiration of the Grace Period, the person owning or controlling a *public pay telephone* subject to this Section 54.0609 must comply with all of the requirements set forth in this Division, and shall have no further right to have the *public pay telephone* continue to encroach upon the public right-of-way.

*(“Grace Period for Public Pay Telephones Subject to Existing Contracts” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)*

**§54.0610 Duty to Restore Sidewalk upon Removal of Public Pay Telephone**

In the event the *Permittee* removes any *public pay telephone* without prior revocation by the City Manager, the *Permittee* shall restore the sidewalk as nearly as practicable to its condition prior to such installation.

*(“Duty to Restore Sidewalk upon Removal of Public Pay Telephone” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)*

**§54.0611 Revocation of Permits**

- (a) Except as provided in Section 54.0611(b), on thirty calendar days’ prior written notice to the *Permittee*, the City Manager may revoke any permit.
- (b) Any failure of compliance with all requirements of this Code shall immediately and automatically revoke the permit without further action by the City being necessary. Notice of such revocation shall be delivered in accordance with this Section.
- (c) Upon delivery of the notice of revocation, the *Permittee* shall, immediately and at its own expense, remove the *public pay telephone* or telephones installed pursuant to the permit and shall restore the sidewalk as nearly as practicable to its condition prior to such installation. Delivery of the notice of revocation will be effective upon mailing.
- (d) If a *Permittee* fails to remove a *public pay telephone* within ten business days after the date of delivery of the notice of revocation, the City may remove the *public pay telephone* and recover the costs of removal and restoration of the sidewalk from the *Permittee*.

*(“Revocation of Permits” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)*

**§54.0612 City Manager to Adopt Implementing Procedures**

The City Manager shall adopt procedures implementing this Division, and shall make a copy of those procedures available to any person upon request.  
(“City Manager to Adopt Implementing Procedures” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0613 Public Pay Telephone as Public Nuisance**

In the event that any *public pay telephone* permitted according to this Division is determined to be a public nuisance, it shall be subject to the abatement procedures of section 54.0506, and the permit shall be revoked at the completion of the abatement process.  
(“Public Pay Telephone as Public Nuisance” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0614 Enforcement Remedies**

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of this Division may be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of Section 12.0201 of this Code. However, criminal charges may not be filed until thirty calendar days from the date the City Manager or designee sends a notice to the person requesting compliance. The City Manager may also seek injunctive relief and civil penalties as provided in Section 12.0202 of this Code, or pursue any administrative remedy provided in Chapter 1 of this Code.  
(“Enforcement Remedies” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)

**§54.0615 Applicability of Other Laws and Ordinances**

- (a) Nothing in this Division shall be deemed or interpreted to exempt *public pay telephones* in the public right-of-way from being subject to any other applicable regulatory provisions and procedures contained in this Code.
- (b) No permit issued pursuant to this Division is valid unless the *Permittee* has also complied, and remains in compliance, with all other requirements of this Code. Compliance with all other requirements of the Code is the sole responsibility of the *Permittee*; the City Manager has no obligation to ensure that the *Permittee* is in compliance with any other sections of the Code.  
(“Applicability of Other Laws and Ordinances” added 9-27-1999 by O-18685 N.S.)